

## CARE URGED IN EXPENDITURES

BY GOVERNOR MCCREARY IN MESSAGE TRANSMITTED TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

### OPPOSES RAISE IN TAX LEVY

Many Matters of Vital Importance To the Commonwealth Are Discussed in the Governor's Message—Favors a Tax Commission.

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Frankfort, Ky.—In a message containing approximately 23,000 words, transmitted to the general assembly, Governor McCreary reviewed the past two years of his administration and recommended legislation, including that providing a state tax commission; but cautioned against extravagance and firmly opposed an increase in the tax levy or the issuance of state bonds.

On this point he sets forth a statement from the auditor's office showing that the balance in the state treasury December 31, 1913, was only \$106,795.85 less than the aggregate of outstanding warrants, and including the amounts paid into the state by the railroads in the 1912 franchise suits, the revenues for the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1913, exceeded expenditures by \$24,000.

"Of the forty-eight states in the United States all have bonded indebtedness except twelve, and Kentucky is in the list of states which have no bonded indebtedness.

#### State Finances.

"I am very earnestly in favor of wiping out the indebtedness of Kentucky, and I believe it can be done in less than three years with proper economy and with the enactment of proper legislation on the subject of revenue and taxation. And we must not overlook the fact that while the rate of taxation in Kentucky is 50 cents on the hundred dollars, only 21½ cents of this tax is set apart for the general expenditure fund, out of which the general expenses of the state, including all specific and annual appropriations, are made. The school tax takes 26 on the hundred dollars valuation each year, the sinking fund 2 cents, and the State University ½ cent.

"Much has been said about increasing the rate of taxation or issuing state bonds. I wish to state, positively, that I am opposed to increasing the tax rate or issuing state bonds.

#### Tax Commission.

With reference to the proposed tax commission, he says:

"I am in favor of, and heartily commend to the general assembly, the creation of a state tax commission, to consist of three men well informed on revenue and taxation, who shall have general supervision of the entire system of taxation, both state and local, including the license taxes and the inheritance taxes.

"I recommend that, in addition to the three tax commissioners heretofore specified, the auditor, treasurer and secretary of state shall also be members of the state tax commission until January 1, 1916, with the same power and authority as given to the other tax commissioners, except that they shall draw no salary as tax commissioners."

He advises that: "All gratuitous appropriations and enlarged expenditures should be set aside pending the enactment of those necessarily incident to the state government. There should be distinctions between matters which are deserving and those less deserving. The affairs of the state should be administered with strict economy; and the first principle of good public finance is that no expenditures for any purpose, excepting in great exigencies, should be permitted, unless such expenditures for any purpose, excepting in great exigencies, should be permitted, unless such expenditures lie within the limits of the public revenue. All bills appropriating money should be referred to one committee in the Senate and to one committee in the House of Representatives."

The governor recommends the extension of the rural school term to eight months and a return to the system of state adoption of text books.

He praises the State university and the two normal schools, the Normal and Industrial Institute (colored), and proposes an illiteracy commission, after showing that "illiteracy in our state was reduced 54,000 in the last decade." This commission is to study the conditions of adult illiterates. The governor adds that no appropriation of money is needed.

He recommends extension of the scope of the farmers' institutes, with

#### To Codify Game Laws.

Needs of the state with regard to the conservation of fish and game, will be impressed on the members of the general assembly in connection with the bill to be introduced in behalf of the state game and fish commission to recodify the game laws. Executive Agent J. Q. Ward received word from Washington that E. Lester Jones, first assistant superintendent of fisheries, will come to Frankfort, and Judge C. E. Brewster, legal adviser of the biological survey, will accompany him.

## HARRY GIOVANNOLI



The above is an excellent likeness of Harry Giovannoli, the new editor and manager of the Lexington, Ky., Leader. Mr. Giovannoli has given up political life in Washington to return to Kentucky and take up newspaper work.

written courses of study circulated among the farmers before the institute; and encouragement of the state fair.

He deals at length with the operation of the new roads department, which he finds has been satisfactory and advises that no backward step be taken.

The forestry department he regards as a great factor in the conservation of the resources of the state by initiating re-forestation and protection of the forested area from waste and destruction by fires.

In regard to the tuberculosis commission, he says: "The campaign which is being waged against tuberculosis in Kentucky should be encouraged in every proper manner."

He recommends careful consideration of the bills for re-codifying the fish and game laws.

#### Praise for Prison Heads.

Concerning the penal institutions, he says:

"I heartily commend the reforms inaugurated by the present board of prison commissioners, and I have conferred with them and aided them in their good work. These gentlemen have labored faithfully to benefit the Kentucky prisoners. They have brought to their difficult work sound judgment, honest motives and careful consideration.

He comments with approval on the efficiency and economy of the system adopted by the state board of control and the management of the state hospitals, the Kentucky School for the Deaf, and the Kentucky Institution for the Education of the Blind.

In regard to Confederates' pensions he says that 1,526 pensioners are on the roll for whose benefit the state has paid since the law went into effect, \$225,550.93. He compares the expenditures with those of seven other Southern States, which pay out annually from \$258,480 to \$1,080,000.

#### Pension Situation.

He recommends increased pay for the pension agent, and an additional clerk for the department, saying:

"When the Confederate Pension Act became a law it was not believed there would be as many applications for pensions as have been filed, and it was believed the pension examiner and one clerk could do the work."

Gov. McCreary compliments the Acting Adjutant General and commanding officers of the Kentucky National Guard for improvement shown in the personnel of the organization and better care of its property at the last inspection, reports on the activity of the military during the flood and assistance given civil authorities at various times. He calls attention of the Assembly to the necessity of amending the laws to conform to the new federal military regulations.

He recommends a corrupt practices act, a uniform system of accounting and a workmen's compensation act.

#### New Mansion.

Concerning the new executive mansion, the governor says:

"The commissioners of the sinking fund of Kentucky advertised twice for plans and specifications and twice for sealed proposals or bids, and they were unable, after paying \$9,500 for the site on which the governor's mansion was to be erected, to make a contract for a commodious and suitable governor's mansion with furniture, carpets, curtains, etc., for \$65,500; and, therefore, they were compelled to pay for the site and the building and furniture, \$94,902.40.

"I believe the members of the general assembly will be pleased with the mansion which has been erected, and which will be occupied for more than a hundred years by the governors of Kentucky, and which is erected within about two hundred and fifty yards of the State Capitol building, a structure which cost, including the grounds, etc., about \$1,820,000."

#### Traveling Men Demand Long Sheets and Clean Towels.

Traveling men of Kentucky will make a fight before the session of the general assembly for a hotel inspection bill, requiring hotels to observe rules regarding the comfort and health of their guests, as to change of bed clothing, length of sheets, condition of towels, etc. This law is most urgently demanded by the traveling men, who make the smaller towns. Representatives of the traveling men are here urging members of the legislature to vote for their bill.

## LEGISLATURE IS IN SESSION

OFFICERS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE ARE QUICKLY SELECTED.

### COMMITTEES ARE NAMED

Precedent Set by Introduction of New Bills on Third Day of Session—Adjournment Takes From Wednesday Until Monday.

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Frankfort, Ky.—The general assembly of Kentucky was most auspiciously opened last week. The statutory session is for sixty days, which does not include Sundays or holidays; however the 1912 session covered a period of seventy-one days. The officers of the senate and house were quickly elected. The result was as follows:

#### Officers of the Senate.

President—Lieut. Gov. E. J. McDermott, of Louisville.

President Protem—Michael O. Scott, of Metcalfe county.

Chief Clerk—Wiley M. Dixon, of Henderson.

Assistant Clerk—Jesse M. Alverson, of Anderson.

Enrolling Clerk—Miss Jennie McDonald, of Frankfort.

Sergeant-at-Arms—Ben. Salmon, of Hopkins county.

Doorkeeper—Cash Shaw, of Frankfort.

Janitor—E. L. Wharton, of Nelson county.

Cloakroom Keeper—Moss Bale, of Green county.

Pages—Oliver B. Arnett, Morgan county; Molloy Glenn, Lyon county; Allen Sanders, Taylor county.

#### Officers of the House.

Speaker—Claude B. Terrell, of Trimble county.

Chief Clerk—James E. Stone, of Louisville.

Assistant Clerk—William Oscar Wicker, Crittenden county.

Sergeant-at-Arms—Oscar Vest, of Carrollton.

Enrolling Clerk—Miss Mary Roberts, of Frankfort.

Doorkeeper—Jeff J. Bowman, of Boyle county.

Janitor—J. Samuel Tilden Booth, Carroll county.

Pages—Hubert D. Rogers, of Marion; William T. Kelly, of Daviess; Courtney Taylor, of Clark and Emerson Beauchamp, of Logan.

Cloakroom Keeper—Tom E. Foley, of Mason and Wallace Lawrence, of Frankfort.

In rapid succession thrills followed one another in the Kentucky legislature. The first sensation was the introduction of bills in the senate on the third day of the session, a thing unheard of before in Kentucky legislatures.

One bill was introduced by Senator Booles, and provides for a public building commission, comprising the county judge, county attorney and county clerk, and will be ready for reference to a committee next Monday.

The aggressiveness of the Suffragettes caused a second sensation. A Suffrage conference had been scheduled for the parlor of a hotel, but as a committee was meeting in the parlor when the time arrived the Suffragettes invaded the hotel lobby, where Mrs. Thomas Jefferson Smith, of Richmond, wife of State Bank Commissioner Smith, introduced Mrs. Duke Breckenridge, of Lexington, Suffrage leader in the South.

#### Members Are Stirred.

Possessing all the earnestness and much of the eloquence of her grandfather, Henry Clay, Mrs. Breckenridge stirred the members and her auditors in a splendid speech of 20 minutes.

She advocated a bill providing for a vote to amend the constitution to extend equal suffrage to women. Mrs. Breckenridge was so entertaining that the members have decided to extend to her the privilege of the floor at a joint session. This action is another record-breaking performance.

The final sensation of the day was the bitterness in the debate on the extra help resolution. Representative W. B. Harvey, of Dixon, said he would file a suit to restrain the payment of the extra help. He hotly resented the slams that he was playing to the galleries, but insisted that the members should not forget the constitution in their efforts to keep caucus pledges. A substitute reducing the pay of all the extra help and saving the state \$1,200 on the original resolution was passed.

Comparatively few of the legislators were in Frankfort the latter part of the week, most of them having taken advantage of the adjournment from Wednesday to Monday at noon to re-

#### COAL MINES RUNNING FULL CAPACITY.

Whitesburg, Ky.—Despite reports of the cutting down of mining operations in the plant of the Consolidation Coal company in Burdine, Jenkins, Dunham and McRoberts in the coal fields of this county everything is now running full time and other increases and extensions are to take effect from time to time during the new year. The year 1914 will be a record breaker in operations, new extensions and new development in Eastern Kentucky.

## DR. A. S. MACKENZIE



Dr. A. S. Mackenzie is at the head of the department of English at the Kentucky State university, Lexington. Dr. Mackenzie is an experienced newspaper man, and also has charge of the class in journalism at the university. It is hoped to enlarge the scope of this department in the near future.

turn to their homes. Claude B. Terrell, of Trimble county, speaker of the house, was here busily engaged arranging standing committees. Lieut. Gov. McDermott, president of the senate, was engaged in the same work at his home in Louisville.

### FARMERS' WEEK IS A GREAT SUCCESS

Most Interesting Program of Papers and Practical Discussions.

Lexington, Ky.—Farmers' week wound up here with the meeting of the Kentucky Beef Cattle association, after an interesting program of papers and discussions, which were coupled with a demonstration of the proper method of butchering. The association re-elected the old officers as follows: President, Charles H. Berryman, Lexington; vice president, Jonas Well, Lexington; secretary-treasurer, Prof. E. S. Good, Lexington; executive committee, J. W. Newman, Frankfort; Thomas Hornsby, Eminence; J. W. Bales, Richmond; C. C. McDonald, Mt. Sterling; Samuel Clay, Paris; W. B. Dayle, Louisville; F. C. Giltner, Eminence; Charles Caldwell, Danville, and Walter Moorman, Glendale.

About 400 cattle dealers from all parts of the state went by special conveyance to Elmendorf Stock farm, where the butchering demonstration was given, J. B. Haggin, owner of Elmendorf, contributing a prime steer and a common steer for the demonstration. The visitors were first entertained at luncheon spread in the big dairy barn, which was spotlessly clean, and was decorated with cut flowers. John Imboden, of Decatur, Ill., a practical feeder, exhibitor and judge of cattle, was selected to give this demonstration.

### PELLAGRA SANITARIUM

Medical Society Wants Government to Locate One in the Bluegrass Region.

Lexington, Ky.—In closing an interesting session here the Kentucky Midland Medical Society adopted a resolution providing that in view of the fact that a sanitarium for the study and treatment of pellagra is about to be established by the United States government; that as the disease has no geographical limit, and that Kentucky physicians are taking great interest in the strange malady and have reported numerous cases, that Central Kentucky offers the best location and most fertile field for the location of such an institution as suggested by Secretary McAdoo, and that the county and district and state medical societies communicate with him and urge that this section be given consideration.

#### CORN GROWERS ELECT OFFICERS.

Lexington, Ky.—The Kentucky Corn Growers' association at a meeting here, in conjunction with "Farmers' Week," elected the following officers: Frank McKee, of Versailles, president; Charles Cadwell, of Danville, vice president; Thomas R. Bryant, of Lexington, secretary; A. H. Gilbert, of Lexington, treasurer; S. M. Bradley, of Morehead, vice president for eastern Kentucky; R. M. Squires, of Lexington, vice president for central Kentucky, and W. B. Threlkeld, of Union, vice president for western Kentucky.

#### NEW BRANCH LINE TO COAL MINES.

Whitesburg, Ky.—Engineers are now locating an 18-mile branch line of the Lexington & Eastern railroad from Urvah up Big Leatherwood creek on the Letcher-Perry border to reach extensive coal and timber properties along that stream. The entire route of the road would be through rich properties, which, according to an announcement is to be developed during the new year.

## CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

COMMERCIAL CLUBS HAVE STARTED MOVEMENT IN THE STATE OF KENTUCKY.

### LEGISLATURE ASKED TO ACT

Movement Will Require Ratification by the Two General Assemblies—Action at This Time Desirable and Wise.

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Louisville, Ky.—Commercial clubs started a movement for a constitutional convention, and will ask the present legislature to take the necessary steps toward providing such a convention. The action of two successive general assemblies is necessary for an election of members to a constitutional convention, and the convention cannot be held earlier than 1919.

In order to be prepared to meet a public demand for a revision, should such demand become insistent, the Louisville Commercial club believes preliminary action at this time is desirable and wise. The interest of other commercial clubs in the state will be sought.

### BUCKNER LAID TO REST

Funeral Is Occasion of Gathering of Many Distinguished Men and Women.

Frankfort, Ky.—Surrounded by friends, confederate veterans and members of his family, the body of former Gov. Simon Bolivar Buckner was laid to rest in the state cemetery of this city in a grave located about halfway between the monument erected to the veterans of the Mexican war and the monument of Daniel Boone, Kentucky's pioneer. The body arrived on a special train from Munfordsville, where the "Sage of Glen Lily" died.

The services at the grave were the ritualistic burial services of the Episcopal church and were conducted by Rev. J. G. Minnegrode, rector of the Calvary Episcopal church, and Very Rev. Charles Ewell Craik, dean of the Christ church cathedral, both of Louisville. As the funeral cortege proceeded from the depot to the cemetery a detail of the Kentucky National Guard, under the command of Maj. Carl Norman, fired a salute of 21 guns.

One of the pathetic features of the funeral procession was the delegation of confederate soldiers, headed by Col. J. W. Stone, commissioner of pensions. The wearers of the gray who had followed the fortunes of the late war under the leadership of Gen. Buckner, who was at the time of his death the ranking officer of the confederate army, walked by the side of the hearse as a guard of honor.

The funeral train carried to this city 100 persons, including the pallbearers, who were the friends of the Buckner family. The funeral was the occasion of a gathering of Kentucky's distinguished men and women, who had come to pay their tribute to Kentucky's first citizen. The floral designs were exceedingly numerous and appropriate.

#### RECORD PRICES FOR TOBACCO.

Lexington, Ky.—A record price of forty cents a pound for tobacco sold this season on the Lexington loose leaf market was reported at the special sale to dispose of the tobacco on exhibition here during Farmers' Week. The sale was conducted at the Fayette warehouse, and buyers were present from nearly every large factory in the United States. Dr. Joseph H. Kastle, dean of the Kentucky Experiment Station, made an address to the assembled crowd with the view of encouraging the bidding. A large number of baskets containing from fifty to 350 pounds each were sold, and the highest prices went to James B. Haggin, of the Elmendorf farm, whose offerings brought from twenty-five to forty cents per pound.

#### BOHON FAVORED FOR PRESIDENT

Lexington, Ky.—According to information given out here George Bohon, a prominent banker of Harrodsburg, Ky., is favored by both sides in the controversy over the reorganization of the Citizens' Life Insurance Co., of Louisville, as president of the reorganized company.

#### FIRE DESTROYS MINERS BUNGALOW.

Pineville, Ky.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed a bungalow at the mine of the Big Coal Co., at Blanch, this county, causing a loss to the company of about \$3,000.

#### HARP IS ELECTED PRESIDENT.

Lexington, Ky.—The Kentucky State Poultry association at its annual meeting elected the following officers: Roger Harp, of Lexington, president; C. C. Loomis, of St. Matthews, and W. B. Buford, of Nicholasville, vice presidents; E. L. Snyder, of Lexington, secretary-treasurer; Louis Lee Haggin and F. L. Smith, of Lexington, and J. S. Steers, Dry Ridge, and F. L. Gordon, of Chilchburg, are the executive committee.

## SKATERS CARRIED OUT INTO LAKE

BY HEAVY WIND WHICH SUDDENLY SPRANG UP—NARROW ESCAPES.

The Heavy Seas Broke the Cake in Two—Twenty-Two Children Rescued With Difficulty.

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Madison, Wis.—Twenty-four children skating on Lake Monona narrowly escaped drowning when a heavy wind suddenly sprang up and carried the ice on which they were skating out into the middle of the lake. The heavy seas broke the cake in two in the middle of the lake, leaving 20 children on one part and four on the other.

The children cried loudly for help and their cries were finally heard by residents on the lake shore, who put out in rowboats and rescued them. All of the children were taken off the ice in safety by the rescuers, who were Sidney P. Rundell, Carl Panerback, Louis Rodenfeld, and Dr. S. R. Boyce. Chief of Police Shaughnessy has daily warned skaters against taking chances on the lakes, but the young people have so far given little heed to it.

#### HARRY K. THAW FOUND SANE.

Concord, N. H.—Harry Kendall Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, of New York, nationally famous architect, would not be a public menace if he were released on bail, according to the report of commission appointed by Federal Judge Aldrich to inquire into the state of Thaw's mentality. The report says the commission finds "Thaw is not afflicted with any of the mental diseases from which he was suffering when he slew Stanford white." "Where is Evelyn?" were the first words uttered by Thaw when informed of the commission's verdict.

#### REFUGEES FLEE TO BORDER.

Presidio, Texas.—Twenty-eight hundred Mexican federal soldiers, six Mexican generals, 200,000 rounds of ammunition, two cannons, four large field pieces and 1,500 civilian refugees were in the custody of the United States army border patrol as the result of the federal army's evacuation of Ojinaga, Mexico, its flight to American territory and the occupation of the Mexican village by Gen. Francisco Villa's rebel forces. Villa had taken more than 300 prisoners during the mad rush following evacuation of the fortress.

#### AVIATOR DASHED TO DEATH.

Santiago, Chile.—Lieut. Mery, a military aviator, while making a flight, fell from a height of 3,000 feet and was dashed to pieces.

## CINCINNATI MARKETS

Corn—New corn is quoted as follows: No. 2 white 68¢@69¢, No. 3 white 65¢@67¢, No. 4 white 62¢@64¢, No. 2 yellow 68¢@69¢, No. 3 yellow 65¢@67¢, No. 4 yellow 62¢@64¢, No. 2 mixed 68¢, No. 3 mixed 64¢@66¢, mixed ear 64¢@67¢, white ear 64¢@67¢, yellow ear 64¢@66¢.

Hay—No. 1 timothy \$19, standard timothy \$18, No. 2 timothy \$17, No. 3 timothy \$14.50@15, No. 1 clover mixed \$15@16, No. 2 clover mixed \$13@13.50, No. 1 clover \$14.50, No. 2 clover \$12.50.

Oats—No. 2 white 42¢@43¢, standard white 42¢@43¢, No. 3 white 41¢@42¢, No. 4 white 39¢@41¢, No. 2 mixed 41¢@42¢, No. 3 mixed 40¢@41¢, No. 4 mixed 40¢@41¢.

Wheat—No. 2 red 99¢@1.01, No. 3 red 96¢@98¢, No. 4 red 83¢@85¢. Poultry—Hens (4½ lbs and over), 14¢; (3½ lbs and over), 13½¢; young stags roosters, 12¢; roosters, 10¢; springers, large, 15¢; springers, small, 13½¢; spring ducks, white (4 lbs and over), 15¢; ducks (under 4 lbs), 14¢; turkeys, toms, old, 18¢; young turkeys (9 lbs and over), 18¢.

Eggs—Prime firsts, 31¢, firsts 29½¢, ordinary firsts 29½¢, seconds 25¢.

Cattle—Shippers \$6.75@8.25; butchers' steers, extra \$7.85@8, good to choice \$6.85@7.75, common to fair \$5.75@6.75; heifers, extra \$7.75, good to choice \$7.25@7.65, common to fair \$5.75@7; cows, extra \$6.25@6.50, good to choice \$5.50@6.15, common to fair \$3.75@5.25; canners, \$3.45@4.50. Bulls—Biologs, \$5.75@6.50, extra \$6.00, fat bulls \$6.25@6.75.

Calves—Extra \$10.75@11, fair to good \$9@10.75, common and large \$5.50@10.25.

Hogs—Selected heavy \$8.45, good to choice packers and butchers \$8.40@8.45, mixed packers \$8.35@8.45, stags \$4.50@7, extra \$7.16@7.25, common to choice heavy fat sows \$5.70@7.80, extra \$8, light shippers \$8.10@8.40; pigs 110 lbs and less \$6@8.

Sheep—Extra \$4.50, good to choice \$4@4.40, common to fair \$2.75@4. Lambs—Extra \$3.35, good to choice \$3.10@3.80, common to fair \$6@8.

#### SHARPERS TRIM PASSENGERS.

Plymouth, England. It is reported that there was trouble on board the North German Lloyd steamer George Washington during the trip from New York arising from alleged sharp practices by gamblers. Several persons are reported to have lost heavily, and it is said that two foreigners who were accused of using loaded dice were roughly handled in the smoking room just before the steamer reached Plymouth and one was forced to disgorge \$500 of his winnings.